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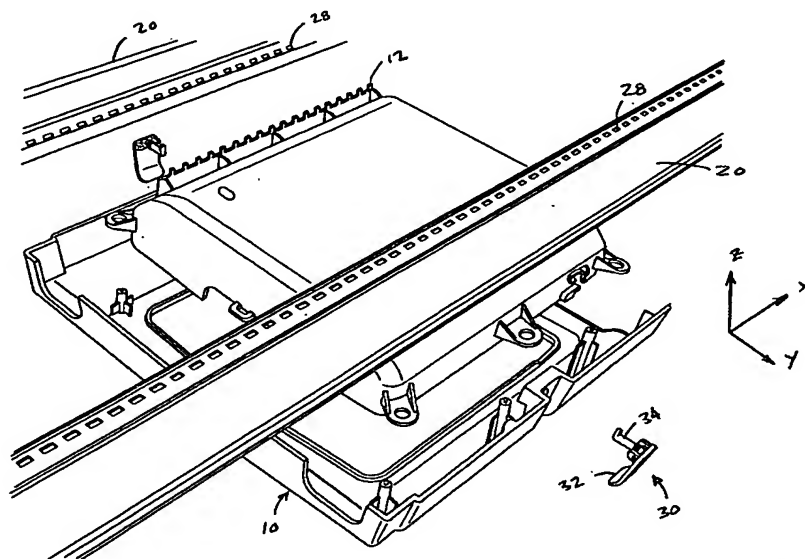
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(54) Title: ATTACHMENT SYSTEM FOR MODULES IN A VEHICLE



(57) Abstract: An attachment system for coupling a module (10) to a rail member (20) on an interior portion of a vehicle is disclosed and includes a latching member (30). The latching member includes a projection (38) configured to operably engage the rail member (20) by rotation of the lever (32). An attachment system for coupling a module (20) to a vehicle is also includes a latch device (30) having a hook member (78) pivotally coupled to a lever (72) so that movement of the lever (72) operates the hook (78) as an over-center device to releasably engage the rail member. An attachment system also includes a flange extending from the latch device and configured to engage a recess on the rail member.



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1. claims: 1-14

Claims 1-7,9-12 : Attachment system with at least a projection (foot) to engage with the rail, a slot for rotating the latch device.

Claims 1,8 : Attachment system wherein the latch device is configured for concealment beneath a movable panel.

Claims 1,13-14 : Attachment system with at least a projection (foot) to engage with the rail and a lever for rotating the latch device.

2. claims: 1,15-16

attachment system with a hook portion

3. claims: 1,17

attachment system with a flange

4. claims: 1,18-20

attachment system with a wing

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